

The Saline County Extension Board met on May 15th at the Extension Office. The meeting was called to order by President Austin Nicholson at 5 pm. Roll call was taken. Present board members included Ross Weber, Sandy Krivohlavek, Austin Nicholson, Aaron Niederklein, Kay Kottas, Theresa Vernon, Lynn Steuer, Johanna Pesante-Daniel (DEI Liaison), and Bryce Horak (Ag Society President). Staff present included Nathan Mueller, Maddie Werner, Ingrid Lindal, Becky Vales, and Melanie Kunc.

Ross Weber approved the agenda. Aaron Niederklein seconded the motion, motion passed. Melanie Kunc provided the treasurer's report. The previous month's expenditures totaled \$21,633.85. Ross Weber made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Aaron Niederklein seconded.

Lynn Steuer, the newest member of the board, was welcomed and introductions made. Lynn shared that he had been on the board several years ago.

Darci Pesek (via Zoom) and Maddie Werner gave a presentation on 4-H and youth development. Nathan Mueller reported on WICS activities. It was announced that our summer intern is Ella Hochstein, who also interned here last year. Her internship will be from June 6-August 16th. The county budget will be paying for her wages as the University no longer is doing the intern cost-share. Ingrid Lindal gave an Early Childhood report on things she has been doing. Maddie Werner reported on school enrichment programs ending and Becky Vales updated on the fair book.

Other reports given included Theresa Vernon reporting on 4-H Council. Scholarship recipients were selected at the most recent meeting. Bryce Horak reported on finalizing fair details in Ag Society. Johanna Pesante-Daniel, DEI liaison, gave a report on tornadoes, Red Cross services, and Saline County groups focusing on health and providing services for growing area cultures.

New business included the new budget being presented for FY24-25. Ross Weber made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Theresa Vernon seconded. The next Extension Board meeting was rescheduled to August 7.

Ingrid stated she will post a sign up for the Kid Zone for Extension Board to fill volunteer openings. Kid Zone hours are Thursday, 3-6pm, Friday, 2-7pm, and Saturday, 1-7pm.

Ross made a motion to adjourn. Kay seconded.

Theresa Vernon, Secretary